

AMOS WOODRUFF, PRESIDENT OF THE OVERTON HOTEL  
COMPANY.

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Mr. MAHON, from the Committee on War Claims, submitted the  
following

ADVERSE REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 10561.]

The Committee on War Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 10561) for the relief of Amos Woodruff, president of the Overton Hotel Company, report that this case was referred to the Court of Claims by the Senate for a finding of facts under the terms of the so-called Tucker Act.

The said court returned findings of fact to the Senate December 7, 1897 (see S. Doc. No. 6, 2d sess. 55th Cong.). The said court found that there was due the Overton Hotel Company the sum of \$53,333. The amount found to be due was paid to the Overton Hotel Company, under the provisions of the act approved March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. L., 1189), and a receipt in full was required by the terms of the said act.

In view of the foregoing facts, the committee is of the opinion that no further allowance should be made on this claim, and report adversely.

The Supreme Court of the United States decided that a voluntary acceptance by a claimant of a sum smaller than one claimed as a full satisfaction of the whole, and the smaller sum accepted without objection or protest, is a bar to further claim. (12 Wall., *United States v. Child & Co.*, p. 232.)